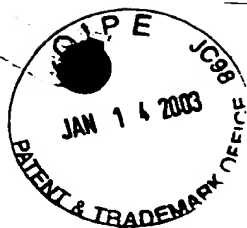


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

✓
Please cancel Claims 1-16 and 25-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-24 are presently active in this case, Claims 1-16 and 25-29 having been canceled by way of the present Amendment.